

HURRICANE KATRINA INFORMATION AND RELIEF EFFORTS



Our deepest condolences go to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, who lost their lives, their homes and their livelihoods. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

While we are devastated by the enormity of this tragedy, our faith, tenacity and determination ensure that we will rebuild and we will endure. The American spirit of generosity will be evident in the days to come, as communities in the afflicted areas come together and our American family from coast to coast provides assistance.

This page provides useful information about Hurricane Katrina, links to organizations that are helping provide relief, and how to obtain disaster assistance.

Relief Organizations

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving ice, water, meals, Search and Rescue and Disaster Medical Assistance teams into areas hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina. [Click here to visit FEMA's web site.](#)

To apply for assistance call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The speech or hearing impaired may call (TTY) 1-800-462-7585. You may also [register for assistance online here](#). In addition, you may find FEMA's ["Help After a Disaster: Applicant's Guide to the Individuals & Households Program"](#) helpful.

To find local shelters and other state specific information please visit:

Louisiana Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
<http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/>
(225) 925-7500

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
<http://www.msema.org/>
601-960-9020

Alabama Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.ema.alabama.gov/>

1-800-843-0699

Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org>

1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)

How to Help

Volunteer agencies provide a wide variety of services after disasters, such as clean up, childcare, housing repair, crisis counseling, sheltering and food. Below is a list of phone numbers set up solely for cash donations and/or volunteers:

American Red Cross

1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669) English,

1-800-257-7575 Spanish

Southern Baptist Convention -- Disaster Relief

1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440

Salvation Army

1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)

Operation Blessing

1-800-436-6348

America's Second Harvest

1-800-344-8070

Adventist Community Services

1-800-381-7171

Catholic Charities, USA

703 549-1390

Christian Disaster Response

941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

1-800-848-5818

Church World Service

1-800-297-1516

Convoy of Hope
417-823-8998

Lutheran Disaster Response
800-638-3522

Mennonite Disaster Service
717-859-2210

Nazarene Disaster Response
888-256-5886

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
800-872-3283

United Methodist Committee on Relief
1-800-554-8583

Additional Resources

Relatives and loved ones who are struggling to cope with the devastation of the disaster and loss of life can [contact their local American Red Cross](#) to speak with a Disaster Mental Health volunteer.

Updated information about Hurricane Katrina

For updated information about the hurricane and relief efforts, please visit the [FEMA](#) and [National Hurricane Center](#) web sites.